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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**In re Application of:**

Donald L. Yates

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**For:** METHOD OF REDUCING WATER  
SPOTTING AND OXIDE GROWTH ON A  
SEMICONDUCTOR STRUCTURE

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This amendment is in response to the Office Action of November 4, 2004 whose initial period of response is set to expire on January 4, 2005.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.